the 1st Afro-Asian Games, initially at Delhi and finally at Hyderabad, international standard sports infrastructures have been created/upgraded at both the places. In addition to Delhi and Hyderabad, infrastructure has also been upgraded at Patiala and Bangalore where a majority of the training camps are organized. All these infrastructures would meet the requirement of athletes for the forthcoming Olympic Games.

National sports policy, 2001

2000. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sports Policy, 2001 envisages use of Sports diplomacy by way of organising international sports and games for strengthening of bilateral and multilateral ties; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Sports Policy, 2001 envisages increased utilization of sports and related activities as a medium for promoting co-operation and friendship in the region, as also globally. Towards this objective, due emphasis has been laid on sports exchange programmes with different countries.

Encouraging sports

2001. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing and future plans to encourage sports other than cricket, football, hockey and tennis in the country; and

(b) the details of plans to upgrade or revamp sports infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) I. The following schemes are implemented by the Government of India to encourage sports in the country: